

# The First Asia Parks Congress - Outline -

- Organizer: IUCN, Ministry of the Environment of Japan
- Date: Nov. 14-17, 2013
- Venue: Sendai International Center  
(Sendai city, Miyagi, Japan)



Sendai



# The First Asia Parks Congress -Background-

## ➤ CBD-COP10 (Aichi, Nagoya, Oct. 2010)

- Target 11 of Aichi Biodiversity Target: By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, ...are conserved through systems of protected areas...
- Decision X/31(Protected area): invites Parties to foster the formation of regional initiatives and formulate regional action plans

## ➤ Preliminary Asia Parks Congress (Tokyo, Nov. 2011)

- Chairs' Summary: Participants identified a number of key regional scale actions and interventions and expressed unanimous support for the concept of staging an Asia Parks Congress in 2013.

# The First Asia Parks Congress -Theme -

## ➤ “Connections”, “Parks Connect”

- Under this theme, the emphasis is making connections;
  - between People and Nature,
  - between Cultural, Spiritual and Natural Values,
  - between Parks and the wider landscape/seascape, and many others.

# The First Asia Parks Congress – Objectives–

- Showcase the success and to advocate the values of protected areas in Asia, reinforcing their relevance and broadening the constituency of support.
- Share experience across the region and particularly to promote what Asia can offer to the world.
- Set the agenda for protected areas in Asia and so facilitate action toward achieving the Aichi Targets and the objectives of the PoWPA.
- Build regional capacity; find solutions to problems; energize and catalyze the protected community in Asia
- Provide a regional perspective and specific Asian input to relevant regional and global events including the World Parks Congress in 2014.

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## - Expected Outcomes-

- **Partnership/s** aimed at: contribution to Aichi Targets and PoWPA; supporting a Pan Asia PA Network; promotion of trans-boundary PAs and sister parks; contribution to sharing information etc.
- **Asian Philosophy / Charter** of PAs which act as catalyst for cooperation, improved governance, and integration of conservation and human development
- **Asian PA Status and Prospects Report** including: progress toward Aichi Targets; analysis of laws and policies; Management Effectiveness evaluation and a system for recognizing well-managed PAs
- **Regional Best Practice Tools** for PAs as solutions to such challenges as: Natural Disaster Response, Disaster Risk Reduction, Human Wildlife Conflict, Climate Change Adaptation, applying incentives (e.g. ecotourism), Conservation of socio-ecological production landscapes (e.g. Satoyama initiative)

# The First Asia Parks Congress – Aspirational Statement–

“The IUCN Asia Parks Congress aims, for the first time, to connect protected area practitioners with the wider community to share experience, learn from each other and together respond to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century”